

1 HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 IN RE NATIONAL SECURITY LETTER

11 CASE NO. C13-1048RAJ
12 ORDER

13 This matter came before the court on the parties' May 20, 2014 stipulated motion
14 to unseal specific documents from the docket in this action. The court GRANTS that
15 motion, and orders as follows: The clerk shall UNSEAL this civil action. Before doing
16 so, the clerk shall SEAL every document on the docket of this action *except* this order
17 and the two documents attached to it.

18 The two documents attached to this order are the parties' stipulation to resolve this
19 dispute, as well as a redacted version of Microsoft's 18 U.S.C. § 3511 petition
20 challenging a national security letter it received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

21 In granting this stipulated motion, the court suggests no opinion on whether it is
22 appropriate to maintain the remainder of the docket in this action under seal, or whether
23 the redactions to Microsoft's petition are necessary to protect any legitimate interest of
24 the FBI. The court merely observes that the parties' stipulation and this order are
25 sufficient to ensure that the public can become aware of the existence of the national
26 security letter that the FBI issued to Microsoft, Microsoft's petition challenging it, and
27 other facts relevant to the petition. That will enable any member of the public to seek
28 relief in this court if he or she believes that the redactions are inappropriate or that it is

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1 inappropriate to continue to maintain the remainder of the docket in this action under
2 seal.

3 DATED this 21st day of May, 2014.

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7 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
8 United States District Court Judge
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